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In response to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2001. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by February 7, 2002. The Applicants have submitted a petition for a one (1) month extension herewith extending the response period to March 7, 2002 and, thus, the response is timely. Please enter the following claim amendments and remarks into the record for this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1 and 330-337 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 164-337 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 330-337 have been cancelled without prejudice. The Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in another